



# **Our Safeguarding Children Partnership for Cornwall and Isles of Scilly**

## **NHS Kernow update**



# **Aims**

- 1. To present the key points from our Annual Report 2017/18**
- 2. To outline its strategic priorities and business plan for 2018/19**



## Current changes...

- Section 30 of the Children and Social Work Act 2017 abolishes LSCBs but makes sure local arrangements help and protect children.
- The arrangements must include safeguarding partners working together to identify and respond to the needs of children in their area.
- Safeguarding Partners – local authority, CCG and the police



# Legislative Framework

## Section 16E of the Children Act 2004

- The safeguarding partners must make arrangements for:
  - the safeguarding partners, and
  - any relevant agencies considered appropriate
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- **to work together for the purpose of safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in the area.**

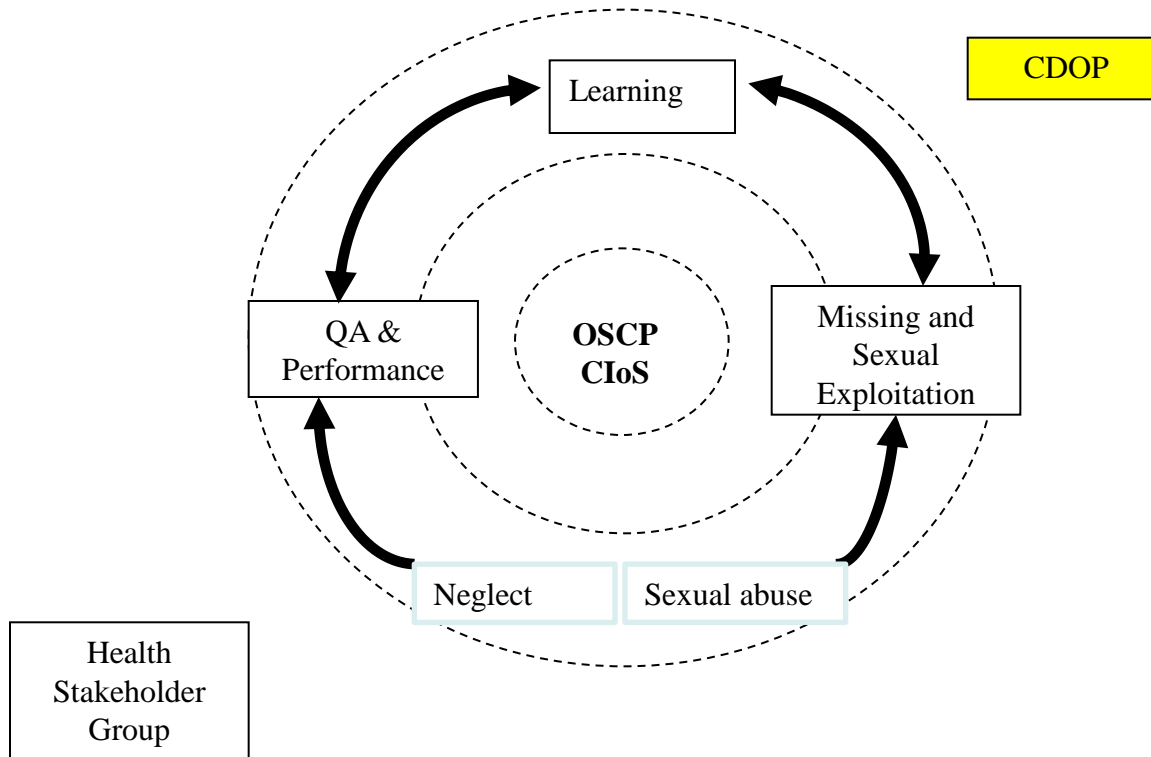


# Responsibilities

- Relevant agencies – specified in regulations
- In Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly – education; health providers; community safety partnership; probation; community rehabilitation company; ambulance trust
- Identify and review serious safeguarding cases
- Arrangements to be published
- Scrutiny by an independent person
- Annual Report



# Structure of the Board





# Annual Report 2017/18

- Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panel
- Independent case file audit - Neglect
- Section 11 self-assessment audit
- Section 175/157 self-assessments of schools
- Review of inspectorate reports, e.g. Ofsted, Care Quality Commission
- Review of reports provided regarding the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) role



# Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panels

- Royal Cornwall Hospitals Trust NHS Trust (RCHT)
- Cornwall Council – Children and Family Services (CFS)
- Cornwall Council – Education and Early Years
- Isles of Scilly (multi-agency panel)
- University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust
- Domestic Abuse/Sexual Violence
- Emotional Wellbeing and Mental Health





# Quality Assurance and Scrutiny Panels

- Improving picture across all organisations
- Attribution of grades stopped
- Recommendations made and monitored
- Concerns over response to child sexual abuse
- Concerns over response to emotional health and well-being
- Reports published



# Independent Case File Audit

- 20 cases
- Multi-agency review
- Cases from across a range of seriousness
- 6 'Good'
- 14 'Require Improvement' to be 'Good'
- Common issues
- Information, analysis, supervision, intervention, evaluation



# Section 11 Self-Assessment

- South-West Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



# Inspectorate Reports

- CQC inspection of RCHT July 2017
- CQC CFT, September and October 2017
- HMICFRS inspection of the Devon and Cornwall Police 'PEEL: Police Effectiveness 2017', published March 2018.
- Joint Ofsted/CQC inspection of SEND in Cornwall July 2018.



# Key findings

- Missing and Sexual Exploitation
- Neglect
- Child Sexual Abuse
- Training contract
- Outcomes frameworks
- Relationship with other partnerships
- Challenge
- Voice of the child



# Strategic Business Plan 2018/19

Priority areas:

- Child sexual exploitation
- Neglect
- Emotional wellbeing mental health
- Domestic abuse
- Child sexual abuse
- Adverse childhood experiences



# New style of plan

- Broader approach
- Applicable to all aspects of child safeguarding
- Focused on staff performance
- Greater focus on outcomes
- Increased involvement of all parts of the partnership
- Complementary to other strategic approaches, e.g. One Vision



# ‘Steps to Achieve’

- Staff from all organisations are aware of the risks and the impact of activity upon children, e.g. domestic abuse, neglect and child sexual abuse.
- Staff understand the benefits of preventive interventions and are able to provide preventive advice and support.
- Staff recognise the signs and indicators within the work they undertake.
- Staff have the knowledge and skills to do the right thing when the signs and indicators are recognised.





# ‘Steps to Achieve’

- All professionals involved with children and/or relevant experts contribute proactively to any assessments undertaken.
- Staff working with the child, family, carers analyse the information gathered to gain an understanding of the issues for all relevant parties.
- The results of the analysis are used by all relevant staff/agencies in contributing to the plan created to help and support the child.
- The efforts made are critically evaluated to determine the difference that has been achieved for the child.



# Oversight

- Business Plan
- Published on OSCP website
- Reviewed at each OSCP Board meeting (six-weekly)
- Quarterly meetings with sub-groups chairs
- Quarterly meetings with Cornwall Council Chief Executive
- Accountability with stakeholders?



# Threats

- Financial constraints
- Priorities of different organisations
- Growing complexity within child safeguarding
- Recruitment of staff
- Supervision and professional development
- Increasing workload



**Any Questions?**



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